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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

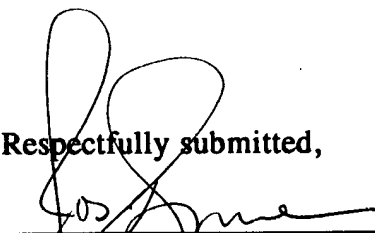
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Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2001, for two months from October 21, 2001 to December 21, 2001. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A check for \$400 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

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